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**APPLICANTS' REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111
TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 27 SEPTEMBER 2001**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed 27 September 2001. This reply is due 27 December 2001. Please re-consider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(i), please delete the paragraph appearing at page 34, lines 21-28, and replace it with the following paragraph: